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1. Our main goal in REUBEN JAMES is combat readiness. With the Navy's core values as our foundation, we will achieve combat readiness in three principal ways:

a. **Do your best** - Regardless of the task; I expect each crewmember to give 100%. You can give no more and should strive to never give less. Be industrious, persistent and patient; important things take time to accomplish. Have faith that if you always try your best, things will work out, as they should.

b. **Be a good shipmate** - Respect others and be cooperative. Be loyal to yourself and each other. Thoughtful and concise communication is the key. Treat others, as you would like to be treated. A lot of what we do frequently is dangerous, it should not be unsafe so look out for each other.

c. **Have fun** - Be enthusiastic about your work. Seek balance in all you do. Make no mistake, being ready for combat is serious business, but if you lack enthusiasm you will not be able to do your best.

2. I am committed to excellence and the fair treatment of all.


R. E. HAIDVOGEL

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